



Presidents Report

Greetings!

I pray that everybody had a great Christmas and New Year's! 2023 has hit the ground and is running. The WDHA Gathering and Year-End Awards Banquet is right around the corner, which means the horse shows will be soon following. To make all of our events a success, it takes a team. From many hours of planning well before the event is actually scheduled to take place, to the event itself, and through the rundown after. We have a great bunch of dedicated volunteers that work tremendously hard already with all these aspects, but we could always use more. The officers and board of directors would like your input and feedback on what our club does. We always welcome members to the meetings and be on committees for input, ideas and suggestions. I am happy and thankful for the new faces this year that have agreed to be on committees! Your input is very valuable! We certainly welcome each and everyone of our members as well. Whether it be coming to the club meetings, being on a committee, volunteering, participating in any way you are able.

Here are some of the upcoming events to mark your calendar:

January 15th	WDHA Meeting
February 4th	Highpoint Awards & Gathering Banquet
March 12th	WDHA Meeting
April 14th - 16th	Midwest Horse Fair
May 19th - 21st	Badger Show
September 2nd & 3rd	WDHA Festival Open / Futurity / Maturity Show

More information on these events will be in the newsletters, our Facebook page and on our website.

Looking forward to seeing you at the banquet!

Polly Popelars, WDHA President

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Check out our website and Facebook pages for addl. information and updates

Website
www.wdhaarabian.com

Facebook
Facebook.com/Wisconsin-Desert-Horse-Association

WDHA & Spirit Convention Delegates





WDHA Gathering & Year End Awards Banquet **Saturday, February 4th, 2023**

Radisson of Fond Du Lac
625 West Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond Du Lac
Hotel is on the corner of Interstate 41 and Hwy 151 SOUTH
(Exit 97B off Interstate 41). Hotel is on the west side of Interstate 41

\$25 per adult - \$10 per child
Reservations required by January 25, 2023

Note: Obligated to pay for reservation

Send payment made out to WDHA in advance
Amanda Wilson, 216 Caroline St, Neenah, WI 54956
Contact info - 920-765-1036, wilsonamanda85@yahoo.com

4:30 - 6:30	Casino Games & Social
6:30 - 8:00	Dinner & Dessert
8:00 - 9:30	High Point/Year End Awards
10:00 - 12:00	Social hour and Music/Karaoke

WDHA rooms blocked until January 24th, 2023
Mention WDHA when reserving @ \$105
Contact Radisson at 1-920-923-1440

WDHA Futurity/Maturity Drawings & Silent Auction*

Tickets - 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

- Radisson in Fond Du Lac, overnight stay
- WDHA & AHA membership w/competition card, & WDHA Futurity mare nomination
- Print by Highland Photography
- Framed print
- And More!!!

WDHA Futurity/Maturity 50/50*

*Proceeds of the drawings, silent auction, 50/50 provide addl. funds for the
WDHA Futurity/Maturity program
(Must be present to win)

Contacts

Drawings - Kathy Filen @ 920-810-7470 or katfilen@gmail.com
Silent Auction - Kristin Urban @ 920-655-3806 or
urbankristin@msn.com



THE BADGER SHOW AVS
May 19-21, 2023
Ozaukee Horse Facility, Cedarburg, WI

!!!!!! NEW for 2023 !!!!!
In addition to main ring halter and performance classes
The Badger will also offer classes for

<i>Dressage</i>	<i>Western Dressage</i>
<i>SHIH</i>	<i>SHUS</i>
<i>ACT/Academy</i>	<i>Open</i>

!!!!!! Save the date !!!!!
More information coming soon
Shelly Lehman, Show Chairperson

USEF Horse of the Year Recipients

Shout Out To Milly! HF Its Miller Thyme
Reserve for both Region 10 & 11 in Arabian SHIH!
Owned by Ashley Hoffman Riehl



Shout Out To Solo! Riding Solo
Nat'l Top 5 HA Ctry
Nat'l Reserve NSH Ctry
Region XI CH HA Ctry
Owned by Shelly Lehman



Shout Out To Juliet! Steppen into Eternity
Nat'l CH NSH Western
Region XI CH HA Western
Owned by Shelly Lehman



Shout Out To Shelly Lehman!
NSH Leading Owner and Breeder



**2022 AHA Convention
November 9th-12, 2022
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**

<https://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention>

Part 2 of 2 by WDHA Delegate Shelly Lehman

**Judging Panel with the EEC (Education/Evaluation
Commission) luncheon**



Short history of ECC

- Funded by 9-90 Fees collected at shows & School & Seminar registration
- Governed by Judges & Stewards Commissioner
- Members elected by the Board of Directors
- Currently all members are N/R Judges; one is also a steward
- Resolution 5-90 Committee (Purpose as defined by 4-90) Coordinates with the J&S Commissioner and develops educational training programs for existing and prospective judges & stewards

Points of Emphasis

- Developed yearly School, Seminar, www.arabianhorses.org/judges-steward/education
- Proper movement all gates, all disciplines; affect of speed on quality of gaits over ridden/over shown horses
- Social Media
- Breeding/In-hand conduct of handlers
- Improvement seen in exhibitors utilizing entire arena; keep pushing them to the rail

Through the course of the luncheon discussed

- Class Management: Covered disciplines Country English, English, Park, Western, Hunter, English Show Hack, and in conclusion how we call classes greatly influences the performance of our horses. The judge needs to call classes in a manner that allows exhibitors to present their horses at their best performance while allowing us to properly evaluate all gates.
- Discipline charts are a guideline when judging
 - Good category allows a horse to earn credits
 - Minor faults do not prevent a horse from winning such as
 - Temporary mistakes from which a horse can recover
 - Consider overall performance of the horse
 - Not a "Fault and Out" situation
 - Major faults will make a significant change in your placing
 - Rule violations
 - Multiple major faults should place the horse at the bottom or off your card
 - A horse performing an entire gait displaying a major fault should be at the bottom or off your card
 - Situations defined in the rules as cause for elimination or being excused from the ring.
 - Blood in the mouth, chin, shoulder or flanks



- Lameness, not serviceably sound
- Whip marks
- Abusive treatment
- Fall of horse or rider, if due to bad manners of the horse
- Dangerous to other exhibitors
- Rearing, running backwards, bucking, out of control

In regard to Ethics and Social Media Issues, Judges and Stewards Steering Committee developed an Electronic Communication Policy which is sent to all current judges and stewards to be read, signed and returned. License Officials are cautioned on how and when they use social media venues, how it reflects on professionalism, and social media is NOT for rule interpretations. For everyone beware of bullying-don't feed it; Investigate to learn both sides of a situation before commenting - not everything is true or up-to-date; Think/Sleep on it before you hit 'send' or 'post'; Encourage constructive discussions of varying viewpoints and approaches-there is usually NO one answer that solves a problem.

Membership Initiative Task Force Priority Focus Area

Member Experience

- Maximize opportunities to recruit and retain members
- Breed Growth - Expand the number of people involved with leasing, owning, and breeding Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo Arabian horses

Outreach - To new people, to youth, to those outside Arabian

Objective - Explore changes to AHA membership structure including a resolution for the 2022 Convention

Expectations

- Review the current membership structure and fees
- Engage with membership for stakeholder input and recommendations
- Develop changes to the membership categories of AHA as a resolution to the 2022 Convention.
- Consider the club structure as it relates to membership dues
- Model innovation, agility, transparency, and accountability on behalf of AHA Members

General Session II

The first presentation was the Scoring Presentation by Nancy Harvey. For the full report go to https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/nat-show/convention/22Conv_GS2_Scoring_Presentation.pdf If interested in becoming a scorer watch for the email to sign up for the FREE training.

The past two virtual Conventions AHA utilized the voting tool VVoter. This year AHA used VVoter to better streamline the voting process. Per the "Standing Rules of the 2022 AHA Annual Convention" https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/nat-show/convention/resolutions/22Conv_Resolution_Standing_Rules.pdf the consent agenda can be adopted as presented and approved by a single vote of the Convention delegates.

Resolutions on the consent agenda are not presented individually and are not open for discussion or debate on the Convention Floor. The Consent Agenda can be amended and individual items can be removed for consideration, discussion, and debate prior to the vote on the consent agenda. For more information on any of these resolutions and their modifications go to <https://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/resolutions/>



SUBJECT	CONTACT	FROM
1 Amend AHA Bylaws Articles VI & VIII (Bylaws – 2/3rds vote) Approved with Modification	Charles Bass	Bylaws Committee
2 Amend AHA Bylaws Articles III (Bylaws – 2/3rds vote) Requiring All Individual Members be Assigned to a Member Organization Withdrawn	Josh Schildroth	Local Level Committee
3 Senior Judges (USEF/EC) Approved	Janet Henderson	Competition Advisory Committee
4 R-Western Dressage Judges for Sport Horse (USEF/EC) Withdrawn	Karlan Downing	South Central Arabians of Texas
5 Allow USEF Arabian Judge to Officiate SHIH and SHUS Classes with an AHA Sport Horse Specialty Card; development of the SH Specialty Card (USEF/EC) Approved with Modification	Jeff Rutz	MN Half-Arabian Horse Association
6 Further Addressing Un-natural and Altered Tails (USEF/EC) Approved with Modification	Kathy Callahan-Smith	USEF Arabian Division Committee
7 Shoeing Rule Modification (USEF/EC) Approved with Modification	Lori Conway	Equine Stress Research & Education Committee
8 Use of Tongue Ties in the Show Ring for Horses in Full Bridles and Driving (USEF/EC) Approved with Modification	Cathy Vecsey	Arabian Horse Association of Arizona
9 Hunter Hack Warmup (USEF/EC) Approved	Allan Ehrlick	Hunter/Jumper Committee
10 Amends USEF 164.2 - Cross Rails 10 & Under Not to Canter in Under Saddle Classes (USEF/EC) Approved	Allan Ehrlick	Hunter/Jumper Committee
11 Dressage Seat Equitation – National's Scoring/Placing (USEF/EC) Approved	Carol Spangler	Dressage & Western Dressage Committee
12 Addition of Western Dressage to the Sport Horse Disciplines (USEF/EC) Approved	Karlan Downing	South Central Arabians of Texas
13 Working Western Rewrite (USEF/EC) Approved with Modification	Jim Hitt	Working Western Committee
14 Horse Substitution in Equitation Classes (USEF/EC) Approved with Modification	Michelle Pease Paulsen	Equitation/Showmanship Committee
15 Horsemanship Lead Changes (USEF/EC) Approved	Michelle Pease Paulsen	Equitation/Showmanship Committee
16 Judges and Stewards Selection Committee Election Changes Approved with Modification	Peter Conway	5-90 Committee

General Session III

J&S Commissioner's Report - Ongoing and future projects

- Develop educational materials and training program for Compliance Officials
- Continued involvement with USEF Licensed Officials Department
- Continued involvement with affiliate organizations who license judges
- Expand educational materials for judges hired to judge Sport Horse Under Saddle and In-hand
- Invest in additional educational resources for our current judges and steward
- Invest in national educational materials and training for prospective judges.

For the complete report go to

https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/nat-show/convention/22Conv_GS3_JS_Report.pdf

Media Growth & Future Plans - The vision for media growth is creating relevant content that connects the viewer back to the Arabian breed through eye catching video and current trends. 2023 goals and future plans are to continue to communicate with our members via email blasts, mailings, and the AHA app.; Continue positive digital growth to make the Arabian breed mainstream; Support all AHA programs, finding ways to increase sponsorships and new memberships; and Showcase the versatility of the Arabian breed in a positive manner within the digital space. For the complete report go to

https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/nat-show/convention/22Conv_GS3_Media_Growth_Presentation.pdf

The Arabian Horse Foundation was created in 1979 and supports research and education while running on less than 1% overhead. For 2023 they will continue funding equine research projects, with a focus on issues of particular interest to the Arabian breed and will be asking you, the Arabian horse community, for recommendations on where our research dollars should go. For the full report go to https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/nat-show/convention/22Conv_GS3_Foundation_Presentation.pdf



Local Level Committee mission is to bring people to the Arabian horse through local outreach. For their full report go to https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/nat-show/convention/22Conv_GS3_LLC.pdf and video <https://youtu.be/2CqXJhMjbyk> Over the last year it became clear to the committee, club membership is declining and with the decline, there is not the manpower needed to promote these programs. As a result Resolution 2.22 "Amend AHA Bylaws Articles III Requiring All Individual Members be Assigned to a Member Organization" was brought to convention. For more information about the Local Level Committee and the resolution, go to <https://anchor.fm/we-love-arabian-horses/episodes/AHA-Convention-2022-Join-the-Club-e1q92tn>

AHA moving - Effective late January, AHA moving to 6030 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 100 Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Thank you for this opportunity and am hopeful you found my convention report of value to you.
Shelly Lehman, WDHA Delegate

Happy Birthday Wishes to

Isela Landeros	Jan 8
Ashley Hoffman	Jan 11
Lisa Buol	Jan 27
Tracey Dikkers	Jan 27
Caryn Auer	Jan 29
Krista Turnage	Jan 31
Teal Dowling	Feb 26



WDHA Officers & BODs

President - Polly Popelars
Vice-President - Maureen Becraft
Secretary - Marie Schickowski
Treasurer : Shelly Lehman

BODs

Kathy Filen
Lory Kohls
Ashley Hoffman-Riehl

Newsletter Submissions:

Submissions for the WDHA Newsletter should be sent to Shelly Lehman at [HYPERLINK "wdhaarabian@gmail.com%20"](mailto:wdhaarabian@gmail.com)
wdhaarabian@gmail.com



2023 WDHA FUTURITY NOMINATION/RENOMINATION FORM

FEES IF PAID BY 12/31/22 (postmarked)			FEES IF PAID AFTER 12/31/22 BUT NO LATER THAN 08/01/2023				
Original Mare Nomination (Year of conception)		\$20	Halter		Performance		
Age	Halter	Performance	Both	2023 Foals	\$ 45	2022 Foals	\$ 75
Yearlings	\$30	\$30	\$60	2022 Foals	\$ 75	2021 Foals	\$105
2 Year Olds	\$30	\$30	\$60	2021 Foals	\$105	2020 Foals	\$135
3 Year Olds	\$30	\$30	\$60	2020 Foals	\$135	2019 Foals	\$175
4 Year olds	\$30	\$40	\$70	2019 Foals	\$165	2018 Foals	\$225
5 Year olds	\$30	\$50	\$80	2018 Foals	\$195		

Owner _____
 Address _____
 City, St., ZIP _____
 Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
 Email Address: _____
 Are you a WDHA Member? Yes No
 Purchased from: _____

Note: Please make sure that your horse(s) is/are eligible to be nominated/renominated in the Halter and/or Performance divisions. Renominate at the regular nomination fee by 12/31 (postmarked) for the following year. **Owners must be WDHA voting members.** Performance nominations need to be started with weanling.

ORIGINAL MARE NOMINATIONS @ \$20 EACH (foals of 2023)

PB/HA	DAM	DAM'S #	SIRE	SIRE'S #	FEE	Office Use

HALTER RENOMINATIONS @ \$30 EACH

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	SEX	REG #	DAM	SIRE	FEE	Office Use

PERFORMANCE NOMINATIONS/RENOMINATIONS

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	REG #	DAM	SIRE	FEE	Office Use

Make check payable to: **WDHA Futurity**
 Send to: Kristin Urban, 18104 Pleasant Road, Maribel, WI 54227 email: urbankristin@msn.com



Wisconsin Desert Horse Association
 January February, 2023 Newsletter
www.wdhaarabian.com



Wisconsin Desert Horse Association
 An Affiliate Club of the Arabian Horse Association
 (Please note your application cannot be processed without complete information)

For Office Use:

Name (A) _____ Date: _____
 Name (B) _____ Phone (H) _____
 Farm Name _____ Phone (C) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____
 Membership Type New _____ Renewal _____

Level 1 and 2 memberships include AHA membership. WDHA will forward your AHA membership fee to AHA on your behalf. Please allow up to two (2) weeks for processing. \$15 of the Adult membership fee are WDHA club dues.

Types of Memberships

Add a \$3.00 administrative fee "per" Level 1 or Level 2 ADULT membership.

* Level 1 - Adult consists of AHA Membership and WDHA voting and club privileges including the value-added programs (High Point, Futurity/Maturity, etc). Youth (18 years and under)

____ YOUTH - \$20 Date of Birth _____ Current AHA Number _____
 ____ ADULT - \$65 Current AHA Number _____
 ____ ADULT 3-year Membership (No Competition card) \$180 Current AHA Number _____

*Level 2 - Consists of everything listed in Level 1 plus Competition Card. Youth (18 years and under)

____ YOUTH - \$45 Date of Birth _____ Current AHA Number _____
 ____ ADULT - \$100 Current AHA Number _____
 ____ ADULT 3-year Membership w/Competition Card - \$285 Current AHA Number _____

Associate Memberships
 Associate membership is offered to a rider/trainer/handler and/or non-owners only. Club privileges are not included at the associate level.

____ YOUTH \$10
 ____ ADULT \$25
 ____ FAMILY \$40 (A) Date of Birth _____ (B) Date of Birth _____

*Level 1 or 2 required to compete at AHA Recognized events, AHA Achievement Award Programs, an/or WDHA value added programs.

Make Checks Payable to WDHA and Mail to: Marie Schickowski
 1629 Bond Ct.
 Green Bay, WI 54303
 Phone: 920-676-3689

Amended 12/24/2019; 01/01/2021; 05/20/2022